

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided in the present application. Claims 25, 26, 28-36 and 42-46 are now present in the application. No amendment has been made by this Reply. Claims 25 and 44 are independent. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Reasons for Entry of Amendments

At the outset, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered into the Official File in view of the fact that we submitted a substitute Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 according to the Examiner's request set forth in the outstanding Office Action. Applicants believe that this Response places the application in condition for allowance.

In the event that this response does not place this application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to enter this response because it places the application into better condition for appeal.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the telephone interview which was conducted on March 8, 2010. The Examiner has set forth the substance of the interview in the Interview Summary attached to the outstanding Office Action. Applicants submit that the Examiner's comments are a complete description of the substance of the interview.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 25, 26, 32-36 and 42-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable by Geppert, "IC Design on the World Wide Web", hereinafter "Geppert", in view of Kolman, U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0071715, hereinafter "Kolman." Claims 28-31

stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Geppert in view of Kolman and further in view of Kundert, "Power Supply Noise Reduction" (hereinafter "Kundert"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejections is set forth in the Office Action, and is not repeated herein.

In page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the Declaration filed on November 18, 2010 under 37 C.F.R § 1.131 was not signed by the appropriate persons as per MPEP 715.04 and also requested a translation of all accompanying documents provided therein.

In response to the Examiner's request, a substitute Declaration Under 37 C.F.R § 1.131 is attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration. The attached Declaration antedates the Kolman reference for the reasons set forth in the attached Declaration. In view of this, Kolman is not available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and therefore cannot be relied on by the Examiner to reject the claims of the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) has been rendered moot.

In addition, for the Examiner's reference, Applicants respectfully attach Document A and Document B (the current listing of claims) hereto to show that each feature of the claims of the present application (including dependent claims) is supported in the earlier draft patent specification for Japanese Application No. 003-354607 mentioned in the attached Declaration Under 37 C.F.R § 1.131.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are respectfully requested.

Based on the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 25, 26, 28-36 and 42-46 earnestly is solicited.

CONCLUSION

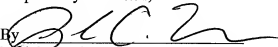
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Enclosure: Documents A and B
Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131